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 Serial No.: New (PCT/JP2004/014195) :
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 Filed: Herewith :
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 For: METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING A :
 ROTARY MEMBER OF A TORQUE :
 CONVERTER AND A ROTARY :
 MEMBER OF A TORQUE CONVERTER :
 MANUFACTURED BY THE METHOD :
 (AS AMENDED) :

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Sir:

In accordance with MPEP 609 and 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant brings the attached references to the Examiner's attention and requests that they be considered and made of record in this application. Also attached is a completed PTO-1449 form. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three (3) months of the filing date of this application. Thus, *no fee is believed to be due for this Information Disclosure Statement*. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1836. A duplicate copy of this Statement is enclosed for that purpose.

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A copy of International Search Report of International Application No. PCT/ JP2004/014195 is attached hereto.

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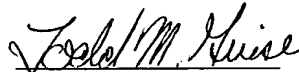
Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. JP-S45-23408 appears to disclose a method for bonding vanes in a torque converter. U.S. Patent No. 3,673,659 is the U.S. counterpart of JP-S45-23408, and is cited in lieu of a translation.

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. JP-S61-140364 appears to disclose a method for brazing blades of sheet metal. An English language translation of the Abstract is provided herewith.

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Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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